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Cromwell Advertisements



DAVID A. JOLLY & CO., WHOLESALE AND RETAIL FAMILY GROCERS, AND WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANTS.

D. A. JOLLY & CO. desire to return thanks to the people of Cromwell and the surrounding districts for the liberal encouragement they have received since opening the above establishment; and as they intend devoting their attention exclusively to the Grocery and Wine and Spirit trade, they confidently hope, from their connection in Dunedin, to be able to place before the public a genuine class of goods, well and carefully selected, at prices that cannot fail to give general satisfaction. They would respectfully invite attention more especially to the following articles in stock:—

Teas of excellent flavor, in chests, half-chests, and boxes
Coffees not to be surpassed in quality
Cocoa and Chocolate of the best brands
Sugar—crystals and crushed loaf
Raisins—Muscatel, Sultan, and Eleme
Jams, Jellies, Pickles, and Sauces
Bacon, Cheese, and Butter of prime quality
Tobacco—Imperial Ruby Twist, Barrett's Twist, Old Sport, andromatic
Oils—Salad, Castor, and Kerosene
Candles of the best brands
Soaps—Blue Mottled, Yellow, and Scented in bars and cakes, &c., &c.

GRAIN.
Wakatipu Oats, Wheat and Chaff
SPIRITS.
Islay Whisky—Arbegg's and Long Jones'
Hennessey's and Martell's Brandy, in bulk and case
J.D.K.Z. Geneva
Burnett's Old Tom
Lemon Hart's Rum in bulk
Porter—Blood's, Byass's, and Guinness's
CORDIALS.
Ginger Wine, Raspberry Vinegar, Peppermint, Lemon Syrup, &c., &c.
Dr Townsend's Sarsaparilla

Families waited on for orders, and goods delivered in all parts of the district at Cromwell prices.

DAVID A. JOLLY & CO., HAVING RECEIVED A NEW AND SELECT ASSORTMENT OF IRONMONGERY

Beg to call public attention to the following:—

Blasting Powder and Fuse; Long and Short handle Shovels; Picks, Pick Handles, and Sluice Forks; Pannikins, Gold Dishes, Billies; Galvanised Iron Buckets; American Tubs, Buckets, and Brooms; Axes and Handles; Manilla Rope for mining purposes; Drilling Hammers and Handles; White Lead; Castor Oil in bulk; Washing-boards; Brushware of every description; Nails; Canvas; Hose Pipes.—Contracts undertaken for supplying Mining Co.'s with Material of all kinds, on liberal terms. Free delivery

DAVID A. JOLLY & CO.'s
DEPOT FOR MINING TOOLS,
CROMWELL.

SHAMROCK STORE, CROMWELL.

WILLIAM SHANLY,
FAMILY GROCER,
GENERAL STOREKEEPER,
is carrying on business at the old-established premises, next to the Bank of New South Wales, Melmore-street.

The BEST QUALITY of GOODS only
is kept in stock.

All orders will meet with prompt attention

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BELFAST STORE, CLYDE AND CROMWELL.

WINES, SPIRITS, GROCERIES, HARDWARE, COLONIAL PRODUCE, &c. &c. &c.

JAMES HAZLETT

Begs to inform the Public of the Dunstan District that, in connection with his established business of ten years at Clyde, he has opened EXTENSIVE PREMISES AT CROMWELL, where he will be able to supply the Trade, Runholders, Farmers, and Private Families, with EVERY CLASS OF GOODS, of the very best description, at the lowest current rates.

JAMES HAZLETT would particularly mention that in the FLOUR & COLONIAL PRODUCE BUSINESS he can defy competition, as in that line he is in connection with Messrs WHITTINGHAM BROTHERS, of Queenstown, who are the largest buyers in the Lake District.

J. HAZLETT, being a CASH BUYER in the Dunedin and Melbourne Markets, feels confident he can sell the cheapest and best article in the District, and invites a visit from Purchasers.

Note the address:

JAMES HAZLETT,
CLYDE AND CROMWELL.

VICTORIA STORE, CROMWELL.

I. WRIGHT,
DRAPER, CLOTHIER, HOSIER,
HABERDASHER, AND
GENERAL STOREKEEPER.

I. WRIGHT is now offering an assortment of NEW and CHEAP GOODS, in

DRESS MATERIALS—Prints, Wincoys, Alpacas, all-wool Plaids, French Merinos, &c.
Calicoes, Flannels, Blankets, Quilts
Toilet Covers, Matting and Druggery
Ladies and Children's Underclothing
BABY LINEN.

Also, a well-selected stock of
Women and Children's Boots and Shoes, in leather, kid, and cashmere
Ladies and Children's Hats, trimmed and untrimmed

Ironmongery, Glass, Crockery
Patent Medicines, Fancy Goods
Toys, Jewellery, Cutlery, Stationery
Perfumery, Musical Instruments
Berlin and other Wools
Paperhangings, Brushware
Tobacco and Cigars

and other Goods too numerous to mention.

NEWSAGENT.

JOHN MARSH.

"VALUE FOR MONEY."

BRIDGE HOTEL,

CROMWELL.

STARKEY'S KAWARAU HOTEL, CROMWELL.

Having purchased the above well-known hotel, G. M. STARKEY begs to inform his numerous friends, and the public generally, that it will be his study to maintain the high reputation the KAWARAU HOTEL has long since acquired for comfort.

One of Alcock's prize Billiard Tables (quite new.)

Wines and Spirits of the very best quality.

An efficient Groom always in attendance.

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I. HALLENSTEIN & CO., CROMWELL, QUEENSTOWN, LAWRENCE, DUNEDIN, and MELBOURNE,

ARE DIRECT IMPORTERS OF

DRAPERY; BOOTS AND SHOES; GROCERIES; WINES, SPIRITS, AND PROVISIONS; IRONMONGERY; CROCKERY; BUILDING MATERIALS OF ALL DESCRIPTIONS; PAPERHANGINGS, OILS, & PAINTS;
GRINDERY; FURNITURE AND BEDDING; SADDLERY; AND PATENT MEDICINES.

A supply of WHEAT, OATS, BRAN, & POLLARD always on hand.

Being the only authorised agents for

ROBERTSON & HALLENSTEIN'S BRUNSWICK FLOUR MILLS,
LAKE WAKATIPU,

We are prepared to supply their best Silk-dressed Flour, guaranteed equal to Adelaide.

Having opened a branch establishment in Dunedin, solely for the manufacture of

MENS' CLOTHING,

We are in a position to offer to the public a SUPERIOR CLASS OF GOODS AT REDUCED PRICES.

We therefore respectfully solicit a continuance of the patronage hitherto bestowed, and our customers may rest assured that all orders entrusted to our care will be promptly executed.

I. HALLENSTEIN & CO.

CROMWELL TIMBER & IRON YARD, LATE MR GRANT'S NEW ZEALAND & AMERICAN TIMBER YARD.

JAMES TAYLOR, Carpenter and Builder, Ironmonger,



Has FOR SALE all kinds of Building Material suitable for the district.

Estimates given for Buildings at the LOWEST PRICES compatible with Good Material and Workmanship.

Punctuality and attention to all orders may be relied on.

A Large Assortment of Paperhangings, Paints, Glass, FURNITURE—comprising Chairs, Tables, Washstands, Iron Bedsteads, &c.
Building Ironmongery, Carpenters' and Miners' Tools, Hemp, Wire, and Manilla Rope, SADDLERY, &c., cheap.

Cromwell Veterinary Shoeing Forge, Next door to Kidd's Cromwell Hotel.

EDWARD LINDSAY, (Late of Clyde and Melbourne), GENERAL BLACKSMITH, FARRIER, AND MACHINIST,

Begs to intimate to his customers and the general public that he has REMOVED to his NEW PREMISES, next to the Cromwell Hotel, Melmore Terrace, where he will carry on every description of Blacksmith work and Farriery as heretofore.

E. LINDSAY begs to intimate to the Public generally that he has gone to the expense of getting a CAST-IRON BED for TIRING WHEELS on a new principle, being the first introduced up-country, which he will guarantee to give general satisfaction; also, that he has made a reduction in the price of Horse-shoeing.

LIGHT SHOES . . . 12s.
DRAUGHT " . . . 17s.

EDWARD LINDSAY,
Veterinary Shoeing Forge

JOHN W. THOMPSON, FARRIER AND BLACKSMITH.

J. W. THOMPSON desires to announce to the inhabitants of Cromwell and the District that he has purchased the business lately carried on by Mr JAMES SLOAN as Farrier and Blacksmith. His long practical experience in all branches of the business, combined with moderate charges, will, he trusts, secure him a fair share of public patronage.

THOMPSON'S VETERINARY AND SHOEING FORGE, CROMWELL.

THOMAS FOOTE, TAILOR AND CLOTHIER, MELMORE TERRACE, CROMWELL.

Ladies' Riding Habits made to order.

CHARLES COLCLOUGH, SHAREBROKER, COMMISSION AGENT, ARBITRATOR, AND ACCOUNTANT CROMWELL.

Having arranged to devote my time exclusively to these occupations, business entrusted to my care will receive every attention.

Agent for the New Zealand Fire Insurance Company.

K. PRETSCH, CROMWELL, COACH AND GENERAL PAINTER, PAPERHANGER, &c.,

Has always on hand a fine selection of Paperhangings, Paints, Glass, and Mouldings of every description, at low prices.

Contracts undertaken for General Painting, Paperhanging, Decoration, and Sign Writing.

Cromwell

E. MURRELL
WATCHMAKER AND JEWELLER,
CROMWELL.
All kinds of WATCHES, CLOCKS, and
MUSICAL BOXES cleaned
and repaired.
Jewellery made and repaired.—Pipes mounted.

Observe the address :

NEXT MARSH'S BRIDGE HOTEL.



THE CROMWELL BAKERY.

J. SCOTT,
BREAD AND BISCUIT BAKER,
Melmore-street, Cromwell.

Families waited on for orders, and Bread
regularly delivered in all parts of the district



CROMWELL BUTCHERY
(WHOLESALE AND RETAIL),
OWEN PIERCE - PROPRIETOR.

A supply of Meat of all descriptions always on
hand, and sold at the Lowest Prices.



FREE TRADE BUTCHERY,
(Wholesale and Retail).

JAMES DAWKINS - PROPRIETOR.

A supply of Beef, Mutton, Veal, Pork, Hams,
Bacon, &c., always on hand.

* Meat delivered at Town Prices throughout
the district.

BEEF, BY THE QUARTER, 3d per lb.

SWAN BREWERY,
CROMWELL.

GOODGER AND KUHTZE,
Proprietors.

GOODGER AND KUHTZE are now prepared
to supply their unrivalled XXXX ALES in any
quantity.

Orders left with Mr G. W. GOODGER, Crom-
well, or at the Brewery, will be promptly at-
tended to.

TO FARMERS.

GOODGER AND KUHTZE will be purchasers
during the forthcoming season of any quantity
of GOOD MALTING BARLEY.

GOODGER & KUHTZE.

ARROW FLOUR MILLS.

To Runholders, Storekeepers, Bakers,
and others.

Messrs BUTEL BROS. have much pleasure
in announcing that they have appointed D. A.
JOLLY & Co., of Cromwell, as their agents for
the sale of their SILK-DRESSED FLOUR,
BRAN, and POLLARD.

JOLLY & Co. will be prepared to promptly
execute orders within a radius of Sixty Miles.

Flour GUARANTEED.—TERMS LIBERAL.

D. MACKELLAR,

ACCOUNTANT and

GENERAL AGENT.

Manager of { Star of the East Quartz Mining
Company, Registered ;
Colleen Bawn Quartz Mining Com-
pany, Registered ;
Kawarau Bridge Company (Messrs
McCormick, Grant, & Richards).

AGENT for { The Norwich Union Fire Insurance
Company.

Office: Melmore-street, Cromwell.

Mechanical Drawings furnished.—Specifications
prepared.

Cromwell

CHEAP DRAPERY AND CLOTHING STORE.

COME EARLY AND SEE J. SOLOMON'S STOCK NOW OPENED
OUT OF

New Autumn and Winter Goods.

NEW MILLINERY

NEW DRAPERY

NEW CLOTHING

NEW BOOTS

NEW FANCY GOODS

&c. &c. &c.

It is impossible within the limits of an advertisement to GIVE AN IDEA of the
EXTENT AND VARIETY of the New Stock.

ONE CALL WILL CONVINCE ANYONE it is the BEST and CHEAPEST
IN CROMWELL.

J. S. is determined to continue SELLING CHEAP throughout the Winter.

Purchase your Winter Outfit from the

CHEAP DRAPERY STORE
IF YOU WANT TO SAVE MONEY.

CROCKERYWARE;

A GREAT SACRIFICE IN CONSEQUENCE OF GIVING UP THIS BRANCH.

MILLINERY & DRESSMAKING

Under the management of Mrs Solomon.

J. S O L O M O N,

THE ORIGINAL CHEAP DRAPER.

(Premises lately occupied by the Bank of New Zealand.)

J. R. COWAN,

BARRISTER, SOLICITOR,
AND CONVEYANCER.

CROMWELL.

WILLIAM TAYLOR,
BOOTMAKER,

MELMORE STREET ... CROMWELL

Has a large and varied stock of Boots and Shoes
on hand, of the best quality.

An inspection of the stock is invited.

Boots and Shoes made to order in the latest and
most approved fashion.

ALL WORK GUARANTEED.

PRICES MODERATE.

NOTICE.

COALS! COALS!! COALS!!!

The Cromwell Coal Works will in future be
carried on by WILLIAMS & HAYES, who
have much pleasure in calling the attention of
the inhabitants of the Cromwell District to their
New Seam of Coal, which is far superior to any
hitherto obtained in the same works, or in any
other portion of the District. They therefore
respectfully solicit a continuance of the patron-
age heretofore bestowed, with the conviction
that that patronage will be deserved.

All orders entrusted to us will be attended to
at once, and on the shortest notice, as we intend
to keep a good supply of coals at the pit-mouth.
Coals delivered anywhere, either in or out of the
district; and lowest cartage prices charged.

20s. per ton at the Works.

32s. ... delivered.

16 bags to the ton.

WILLIAMS & HAYES,
Coal Works, Cromwell.

F. SANSON, SADDLER
AND
HARNESS-MAKER,

Begs to inform the public that he is carrying on
business at the Premises lately occupied by Mr
Raven, in Cromwell, and trusts, by strict atten-
tion and moderate charges, to merit the public
patronage.

Collars, Pack-saddles, and Harness of every
description made on the premises.
Repairs done on the shortest notice.

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Kawarau Gorge

KAWARAU GORGE COALPIT

The undersigned begs to announce that the
above pit is in splendid working order, and that
he is raising coals of an excellent quality.

In connection with the pit, he is also working
a LIME-KILN, and is prepared at a day's no-
tice to supply first-class building lime in any
quantity, and at reasonable rates.

Proprietor: J. W. ROBERTSON.

Bannockburn

BANNOCKBURN HOTEL & STORE,
DOCTOR'S FLAT, BANNOCKBURN,
(On the Main Road to the Nevis).

GROCERIES, CLOTHING, BOOTS, and House-
HOLD REQUISITES of all descriptions
kept in Stock.

The Goods, being obtained DIRECT from
Dunedin, are retailed at the LOWEST POS-
SIBLE PRICES.

N.P.—Good Stabling, Horse Feed, &c.

JOHN RICHARDS, PROPRIETOR.

BANNOCKBURN TIMBER YARD
AND CARPENTER'S SHOP.

JAMES TAYLOR,

CROMWELL TIMBER AND IRON YARD,

Begs to inform the Residents of BANNOCKBURN,
NEVIS, PORTERS, &c., that in order to meet the
increasing requirements of those districts, he
has opened a Branch Establishment at Doctor's
Flat, opposite Mr Richards' Store.

A good supply of TIMBER and IRON for
Building and Mining purposes always on hand.

Best Material and Workmanship Cheap for Cash.



WILLIAM SUTHERLAND & CO.,
(Late of Logantown).

GENERAL BLACKSMITHS & FARRIERS,
Beg to intimate to Mining Companies and the
public generally that they have removed to
QUARTZVILLE, next to HAZLETT'S Carrick
Range Hotel, where they hope, by strict atten-
tion to business and reasonable charges, to merit
a share of their patronage.

CARRICK RANGE HOTEL,
QUARTZVILLE.

CHARLES PEAKE,

Proprietor.

The Proprietor, having recently purchased the
above well-known and centrally-situated Hotel,
is now in a position to offer first-class accommo-
dation to all who may favour him with their
patronage.

The Premises are fitted up and furnished on
the most complete scale, and the arrangements
for the comfort of visitors and travellers are
second to none in the district.

COMMODOUS BILLIARD ROOM,
fitted with one of Julius Paser's full-sized tables

AN EXCELLENT SIX-STALLED STABLE,
with careful groom always in attendance.

183 CHARLES PEAKE.

Alberttown

ALBERT HOTEL,
STORE, & POST-OFFICE,
ALBERT TOWN.

H. NORMAN

Begs to intimate that he has made very exten-
sive improvements in the above old establish-
ment, and can now offer unrivalled accommoda-
tion, both for man and horse.

A large stock of GENERAL STORES & DRAPERY
always on hand.

Old acquaintances will please remember
that they can still make themselves perfectly at
home at

H. NORMAN'S,
ALBERT TOWN.

YEEND & POPE

The charge for Birth and Marriage Announcements is Half-a-crown each, payable at the time of insertion.

In reference to the statement made by Dr Honeypwill, as a reason why sentence should not be passed on him, (see report of his trial elsewhere,) the *Guardian* says:—"We are quite aware that on the day of the trial several medical gentlemen were present who were not called. One of these was Dr Hulme, Provincial Surgeon, and we believe, had he been examined, he would have given very strong evidence in the prisoner's favour."—The following letter, however, appears in the *Daily Times*:—"Sir,—The defendant in this case complained yesterday in Court that I did not call evidence of other causes of rupture of the uterus than those mentioned by His Honor the Judge in his direction to the Jury. In justice to myself I am bound to say—and in this I am fully corroborated by Dr Thomson, with whom I have since conferred on the matter—that the evidence was clearly and fully elicited by me from him in cross-examination. To have called witnesses in corroboration of what had been admitted so fully by a Crown witness would in my judgment have tended to weaken the effect of uncontradicted evidence in the defendant's favour, and I consider I exercised a wise discretion in not calling them.—I am, &c., JOHN MCGEE."

It has been arranged to grant free passes on railways to members of the General Government, Superintendents, and Provincial Executives; also, members of Assembly and Provincial Councils during the session.

CARRICK RANGE WATER SUPPLY CO., REGISTERED.
Nominal Capital £12,000,
In 12,000 shares of £1 each.

SECOND ALLOTMENT OF SHARES.

DIRECTORS.
Mr JAMES TAYLOR, Mr JOHN MARSH,
JAMES HAZLETT, WILLIAM GRIFFITHS,
DAVID A. JOLLY, WM. GOLDSMITH,
Mr JAMES STUART.

An extraordinary meeting of shareholders was held in the Company's office on Wednesday, 11th February, 1874, at which it was resolved to re-open the share list of the Company, which, it will be recollected, was closed upon the 1st of December last, and up till which time 2195 shares had been taken up.

The same meeting authorised the Directors to borrow the sum of £4000 from the Government, to aid in carrying on the works if it were found necessary. It was unanimously felt that even if it should not be required, the power to draw upon such a sum would give increased stability to the Company.

Eleven and a half miles of the race have been already completed, at a cost of nearly £3000, and there only remain now a little more than six and a half miles to be finished before the race is complete. During the progress of these six miles, creeks will be crossed from which seventeen sluiceways of water are granted to the Company, independently of the Coal Creek supply. About four chains at the present time only remain to be cut, before a creek is reached from which two heads are granted. The Directors at the same time do not wish to conceal the fact that the completion of the six miles will be attended with as much difficulty as was met with in the first eleven and a half miles.

The Directors feel assured that the merits of the Carrick water scheme are too well known and recognised to require many remarks from them. The water will, when brought in, command one of the largest sluicing and quartz mining districts in Otago, and one which only requires a supply of water to develop its hitherto almost untouched resources. As an instance of the demand which at present exists for water on the Carrick, it may be mentioned that the sum of five pounds per week is now paid by the United Star and Oak and Elizabeth quartz companies for a supply which cannot be said to equal one-quarter of a sluiceway.

Under all the circumstances briefly indicated above, the Directors expect to be well supported in further prosecuting the undertaking. Eight of the local shareholders who were present at the extraordinary meeting were so well satisfied with the progress of the work, that their names were put down at the conclusion of the meeting for 780 additional shares.

The conditions under which shares will be allotted are as follows:—Two shillings and sixpence to be paid upon application, and the balance in monthly instalments of two shillings and sixpence each.

D. MACKELLAR,
Manager.

£4 10s. PER OUNCE FOR GOLD.

GOLD will be found to be worth the above price by purchasing at the
GREAT CLEARING SALE
at W. TALBOYS'
LONDON HOUSE,
CROMWELL.

BENDIGO HOTEL,
Sunderland-street, Clyde.
THOMAS HAWTHORNE,
(late of the Clyde Hotel.)
Proprietor.

THOMAS HAWTHORNE begs to inform his old friends and acquaintances that he has taken for a term of years the above Hotel, where he hopes to receive a call from them. The Bendigo Hotel contains every accommodation, and the present proprietor's only aim will be to give satisfaction to his customers.

The comforts of a home, combined with the conveniences of a hotel, are to be found at
HAWTHORNE'S
BENDIGO HOTEL.

Good Stabling, with an efficient groom.

F O R S A L E.
The COTTAGE on the Carrickton Road, near the Caledonian claim.—Apply to
JAMES TAYLOR,
Cromwell.

WANTED, a HOUSEMAID.—Apply immediately, STARKEY'S Karavan Hotel.

F O R S A L E.
One No. 8 Plantress (Smith & Wellstood STOVE, with fittings complete.
Also, one superior IRON BEDSTEAD, with Mattress.
All entirely new.
Apply to E. LINDSAY.

F O R S A L E,
by Private Bargain.
The FARM, comprising 58 acres, now in possession of AH TONG, adjoining Mr TOWAN'S, with
Dwelling-house, spring-cart, spring-cart horse, one ton dried onions, &c., &c.; everything, in short, upon the ground.
Apply to AH TONG.

N E W R U S H
TO THE
London House.

W. TALBOYS
Has just returned from Dunedin, after purchasing a large stock of
DRAPERY, CLOTHING, & BOOTS,
At a small advance on the English cost, which will be sold at such prices as must command a **SPEEDY CLEARANCE.**

Goods will be sold **CHEAPER** than at the late Clearing Sale.

The motto of this House will be Small Profits and Quick Returns. 2½ per cent. will be allowed on all cash transactions, and 5 per cent. will be charged on all accounts not paid within a month. Goods will be sold on these terms only.

Note the address:

W. T A L B O Y S,
LONDON HOUSE,
231 CROMWELL.

New Advertisements.

CORPORATION OF CROMWELL.

OWNERS OF DOGS and GOATS are requested to take notice that the Registration Fee is due, and payable at my office.

CHAS. COLCLOUGH,
Town Clerk.
April 1, 1874.

TENDERS will be received till 8 p.m. on THURSDAY EVENING, from persons willing to perform STREET-CLEANING and other work for the Corporation. Particulars at my office.

CHAS. COLCLOUGH,
Town Clerk.

A.O.F. COURT STAR OF CROMWELL.

SPECIAL MEETING, on April 25th, at HERON'S HOTEL. Business of importance; full attendance invited.

By order.

BANNOCKBURN PUBLIC LIBRARY.

After Monday, April 27th, the Bannockburn Library will be in the SCHOOLMASTER'S RESIDENCE, Smith's Gully.

Terms of Subscription:
Five Shillings entrance fee; and One Shilling a Month, payable quarterly in advance.

BANNOCKBURN PUBLIC LIBRARY.

April 6, 1874.

To the Committee and Subscribers.
Gentlemen,—We have gone through the Books of the Institution since the commencement. We find that there remains a balance to the credit of the Library of £22 7s. 0d. in the hands of the Treasurer. About £5 is due from subscribers, which is sure; we have not taken any account of arrears that appear doubtful. There is a balance to our credit from the Education Board of £8 worth of books; so that the total amount to our credit at present is about £35 7s. 0d.

There are two or three outstanding accounts for books and papers amounting to about £4. You will thus see, Gentlemen, that the Library is in a very good financial position.

CHARLES RAY
HENRICH BEHRENS } Auditors.

TENDERS.

TENDERS are invited for CARTING 150 tons (more or less) of Quartz from the Kohinor Company's claim to Logan's Battery. Tenders will be received up to SATURDAY, 25th instant, by

H. H. OLYER,
Carrick Range.

CROMWELL DISTRICT HOSPITAL.

Parties holding SUBSCRIPTION LISTS for the above are requested to send in a copy of names and amounts subscribed AT ONCE, for the purpose of having same embodied in a Memorial to be presented to the Provincial Government.

By order,
C. F. JOHNSON,
Secretary pro tem.

SALE BY AUCTION.

SATURDAY, 25th APRIL, 1874,
at 2 o'clock.

M^{LANDRESS}, HEPBURN, & Co. have received instructions from the Liquidators in the Estate of the NEW ZEALAND SUBMARINE GOLD MINING COMPANY, Limited, to sell by auction, at their Rooms, Manse-street, Dunedin, on SATURDAY, 25th April, at 2 o'clock,
The Submarine Boat, "Platypus," also,
Patent Rights for Digging, Slaicing, etc. etc.

Terms at sale.
For further particulars, apply to Messrs Howorth and Hodgkins, Solicitors, Princes-street, Dunedin; or to the Auctioneers.

CROMWELL JOCKEY CLUB.

A Meeting of Members of COMMITTEE of above will be held in the Town-hall on FRIDAY, 24th instant, at 8 p.m.

By order.

SUBSCRIBERS and Advertisers are reminded that the Quarter ends on May 5. All accounts will be duly rendered to that date, and it is imperative to make an immediate settlement of the same, as the present Lessee is retiring from the business.

BIRTH.

On the 3rd instant, at Nevis Ferry, Mrs J. M'CORMICK, of a daughter.

DEATH.

On the 20th instant, at Cromwell, JOHN GEORGE, eldest son of Mr J. C. S. Milns, of Alford, Lincolnshire, England; age, 20 years.

Cromwell Argus,

AND NORTHERN GOLD-FIELDS GAZETTE.

CROMWELL: TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 1874.

Friday first, 24th instant, is the day for hearing the applications for licenses for Cromwell and Cromwell district. Wednesday, the 29th inst., is the date fixed for the Cardrona district.

The Rev. Mr Drake intends, we understand, to deliver a sermon next Sunday evening, having special reference to the large number of deaths which have lately occurred in our midst. Service will begin at 7 p.m., instead of at half-past as usual.

We have been informed that the run of gold on the Cardrona deep lead has been struck by one of the companies. We expect to hear further news on the matter from "Our Own" in that quarter, who has apparently forgotten us lately; so we shall say no more of it at present.

The Council, we are happy to see by their proceeding at last meeting, intend to select a site for a manure depot. The site is not selected yet, but we believe it will be at a sufficient distance from the town, and under such regulations, as will make it a public benefit. The establishment of such a thing, of course, presupposes regulations for the proper cleansing and keeping clean of the township itself.

The question of issuing slaughtering licenses comes up again for consideration at the Council meeting on Thursday next. We hope to hear that the matter will be finally settled by a rejection of any application. The last time the question was discussed, two Councillors were for and two against the issue, the Mayor very properly, being himself an applicant, deciding that the question should stand over till a full meeting of Council.

The concert at the Bannockburn, on Friday evening last, given as a benefit to Mr J. Simpson, for some time schoolmaster in the district, was well attended, and passed off very successfully. Comic songs preponderated; but among the sentimentals, Mr R. Campbell's (an old Cromwell favourite) were most deserving of notice. A lady amateur sang twice, and on one occasion she received an encore. "Put me in my little Bell," "Gentle Annie," and, as an encore, "So early in 'de mornin'" were her selections. The second half of the entertainment consisted of the nigger business. Dancing concluded the night's enjoyment.

The thirty-third session of the Provincial Council begins on Wednesday week, 29th instant.

Mr Dixon, late of Blacks' has been appointed schoolmaster at the Bannockburn. We announced before that Mr Paterson, of Welshman's, was appointed; but it appears we were mistaken.

The adjourned meeting of the subscribers to the Bannockburn Library on Saturday last was better attended than any similar meeting for some time past. It was finally resolved that the library should be removed to the residence of the schoolmaster, (Mr Dixon,) who was appointed secretary and librarian. The entrance fee was reduced to 5s., with one shilling a month's contribution. The Committee, in the hopes of inducing people to join, have thus reduced the subscription to the lowest possible rate, and it is to be hoped that their object will be secured.

We regret having to record one or two fresh cases of fever since our last; but it may safely be said, we think, that the epidemic is on the decline. It will be noticed that the present week was ushered in with another fatal case, that of Mr John G. Milns. The deceased was a fine, strong, manly young fellow; just twenty years of age. He was a nephew of Mr Hallenstein, Wakatipu, in whose store here in Cromwell he was employed. He was well known, and not better known than liked and respected, throughout the whole district, and his death will be universally regretted.

The track from Albertown to the Makarora has lately been very much improved by a party of men in the employ and under the superintendence of Mr H. Campbell, of Wanaka. The improvement is more especially marked at the place on the Hawea Lake shore known as Deep Gully or Hall's Face. Between this improvement on the road and the punt erected lately by Mr Campbell above the mouth of the Hawea, this road will cease to a great extent to occupy the position of a "terror" which it hitherto has held. About another £150 or £200, however, is required, to make the track a really good one.

On Wednesday evening last, Cr. Jolly expressed a regret that no representative of the Press was present, and made a suggestion that the Press should have notice when the Council intended to hold a meeting, giving it as his reason that it was desirable to give publicity to the efforts of the Council in improving the town. We may say in reference to Cr. Jolly's remarks, that we shall be glad to send a representative, if due notice is given, and the matters under discussion are of sufficient importance to warrant us in expending three or four hours of that representative's time. On ordinary occasions, the Town Clerk might well follow the example of unpaid secretaries to public Committees, and furnish a report of the proceedings.

A meeting of the Athenæum Committee was held on April 14, in the Town-hall. The sub-committee appointed for the purpose reported that they had arranged with Mr Dagg in the matter of the retaining wall; and the treasurer was authorised to pay half the cost on the report of the sub-committee that the work was concluded. An account was ordered to be opened at the Bank of New South Wales, under the title of the Athenæum Building account. Several designs, accompanied by mottoes, for the seal were handed in; and one of them was accepted. A number of small accounts were passed for payment. The secretary was instructed to order the *Illustrated Australian News* for the reading room. The meeting then adjourned.

Generally speaking, the meetings of our local Town Council are conducted quietly and decorously,—perhaps occasionally too quietly, and it might be productive of good if a little more spirit were sometimes infused into the proceedings. Evidently Councillor Pierce, himself ordinarily one of the quietest and most sedate of the solemn body, was of this opinion, when, on the occasion of the special meeting last Wednesday evening, he made his appearance in the hall some time after the commencement of the proceedings, and imparted thereto a rather more lively air than had previously characterised them. Possibly it may be as well, before going further, to state that Councillor Pierce was sober,—in fact, he was unmistakably and demonstratively "tight." One of his first proceedings was, with delicate irony and drunken gravity, to inform the Mayor that he was simply a "d-d old horse." Then he went on to abuse and decry his fellow-Councillors, and show up, as he expressed it, their little games. One, especially, whom he desired to see humbled and checkmated, was Councillor Jolly, who perhaps might think it possible that he would be elected Mayor next year; but if Councillor Pierce knew anything, and he thought he did, he could assure Cr. Jolly that he would find his calculations miscarried. From abuse of others, he of course naturally went on to praise of himself; but what he said on this subject, it would be wearying to repeat. All the time, of course, he declaimed in true oratorical style, and eventually, whether by accident or design is not clear, in waving his hands and doing the "thumping" business, he threw the lamp over, and thereby left the hall in darkness. Fortunately, the Town Clerk had matches, and while a worthy Councillor slipped across the road to his residence for a candle, he kept wax vestas going. When at last a new light was thrown on the anxious subjects sitting around the table, it became a question of how this scene of confusion and disorder was to be brought to a conclusion. Some delay occurred, occupied in turning over Acts and Ordinances to find some method of dealing with the erring brother; and then it was resolved that Councillor Pierce be requested to leave. His Worship the Mayor blandly intimated the resolution of the Council to that gentleman, but he at once declared his intention to set it at naught, and gave defiance to Mayor, Councillors, and Town Clerk, not one of whom he affirmed was able to enforce the said resolution. As will be seen by our report in another column, the Mayor had to declare the meeting adjourned; and it will also be seen that next Thursday evening, the Council will sit in judgment on Councillor Pierce. The law provides that a Councillor refusing to sit down on being twice so ordered by the Mayor may be fined £5, so that it is possible Mr Pierce may have to pay for his fun.

At the Timaru Races on the 16th, the first day, Tamboorini won the Timary Cup, of £200, a weight-for-age race; distance, two and a half miles. Templeton was a bad second.

While giving evidence in a civil suit at the Dunedin Resident Magistrate's Court the other day, the defendant in the case of Davis v. Bowland said he could not see the force of keeping a ledger, and in place of having so important an article, chalked up his transactions on the side of a pigsty in his yard. Plaintiff jokingly asked that this "ledger" should be produced, to see if it would bear out defendant's statements, but his Worship held that it was not advisable to produce it. — *Start*

At the last annual meeting of the shareholders of the Norwich Union Fire Office, held at the chief offices of the Company, Norwich, one of the most gratifying features of the day's proceedings was the presentation to Sir Samuel Bignold, the venerable secretary of the society, of a very handsome testimonial. A dividend was declared of £20 per share. The Norwich Union Company has its ramifications in every part of the world, and is exceedingly well represented in this colony, every city containing its representative.

The Resident Magistrate of Mongonui must be a strange individual. We find in Parliamentary papers, furnished us but recently, copies of a correspondence between that gentleman (Mr W. B. White) and the Government, in which his conduct is called into question on matters connected with his office. In a letter addressed to him by the Under-Secretary of the Minister of Justice (Mr Fountain), the following rich sentence occurs:—"So far as any specific charges have been made, your replies thereto have been satisfactory to the Government. I am, however, to point out to you that it is advisable, on the score of prudence, to avoid playing at whist, and drinking with intending litigants."

We are informed that the shepherds and other employees presented Mr J. M. McLean with a handsome watch and chain worth over £20, on the occasion of his resigning the management of the Morven Hill station into the hands of the Hon. Colonel Whitmore's manager. The presentation was made as a mark of the esteem in which Mr McLean was held by all and sundry about the station, and as a small acknowledgment of the upright and kindly manner in which they had invariably been treated by him during his six years' management. Speaking for ourselves, we may add that this is one of the presentation cases which does credit to all parties concerned in the affair; to the receiver, who we are sure was well worthy of some mark of recognition by his late servants; and to the givers, who proved that an upright though firm master will always be appreciated.

By the arrival of the Alhambra yesterday, we learn by private advices, and on the best authority, that the notorious Sullivan has at last quitted this Colony, having left Auckland last week in an English ship, bound for London. Whether it is a fair thing for the colony to send such a criminal to the Home country is a subject open to much question; but there can be no doubt that he will very soon be brought to his bearings in England, and whether he finds his way to Pentonville, Coldbath, Fields, Millbank, the Model, or any other prison, he will be equally certain to have little chance of getting out again. We are sure it will be a relief to all in this colony to hear of his departure. — *Guardian*. — An Auckland telegram dated April 15th, says: "There is little doubt that Sullivan has left Auckland, but the authorities keep the destination a strict secret. The report that he had left for England originated from the fact that his passage was taken by the Hindustan, but the agents learning the character of their passenger, returned the money."

TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

DUNEDIN.

Monday, 1.30 p.m.

A fire broke out in the row of large houses known as Cumberland Terrace this morning. Four or five tenements were completely gutted before the flames could be got under. The buildings were insured, and also some of the furniture.

A numerous deputation waited upon the Superintendent on Friday, in reference to the Tokomairiro coal-field. They requested that steps should be taken to ensure the construction of a light branch railway to the new coal-field extending from the Tokomairiro river to the Molyneux. Captain Hutton reports that it is the largest coal-field in New Zealand, and estimates it to contain one hundred million tons. Some of the coal is the best kind of brown. His Honor promised the whole matter should be laid before the Provincial Council.

The Dunedin Press Amateur Dramatic Club performance on Friday night realised £60 in aid of the Scott Scholarship Fund.

A fatal accident occurred at Blueskin on Saturday. A number of Chinamen were proceeding up-country in a waggon, and when opposite Carey's hotel, some of them got down to walk. One, named Ah Ching, in getting down, slipped and fell in front of the waggon, and the wheel passed over him, killing him on the spot.

Christchurch had a narrow escape on Friday from fire. The roof of Spencely's music shop caught, and was extinguished only with great difficulty.

Auckland telegrams of Saturday state that a great fire was then raging in Queen-street. There were six or seven shops burnt down, and great difficulty was experienced in saving the Southern Cross office. The insurances are: Norwich Union, L.1200; New Zealand, L.1500; Victoria, L.1300; Royal, L.100.

The second day's races at Timaru were very successful.

Handicap Hurdle Race.—Cramond's Alma, 1; Martell's Ivanhoe, 2. Maid of the Mill

won the race, but was disqualified on account of going round the second last hurdle. Alice Grey and Theodore also ran. The race is described as one of the best ever run in Timaru.

Hack Hurdle Race.—Mackay's Falcon, 1. Four others ran.

South Canterbury Handicap.—Malice, 1; Malabar, 2; Tamburini, 3.

Grand Stand Handicap.—Tamburini, 1; Malabar, 2.

Consolation.—Madras, 1; Malabar, 2.

TUESDAY, 9.10 a.m.

In the Supreme Court, yesterday, His Honor was occupied all day in hearing a breach of promise of marriage case. The damages sought were £2,000. Margaret Forrester was plaintiff, and the defendant was John Darling, at one time connected with the Harbour Steam Company. The jury found for plaintiff, damages £250.

Mr John Reid has resigned his seat in the Waste Land Board, and the vacant place has been offered to and accepted by Mr. Donald Reid.

At an important sale of Crown Lands yesterday at Invercargill, nearly all the sections sold were purchased by the Otago and Southland Investment Company. The average price was 44s per acre.

Two Scimitar immigrants have been arrested at Invercargill for highway robbery.

EUROPEAN.

The Tararua has arrived at Hokitika.

LONDON, April 9.

The coal and iron masters in Scotland resolved on a further reduction of wages to employees, to the extent of 21 per cent. 3000 colliers have struck in Somersetshire.

April 11.

Luie, the alleged steward of the Osprey, has been sentenced to seven years' penal servitude; and Captain Brown to five years.

The English Press is favourable to the annexation of Fiji.

Money firm.

BERLIN, April 11.

The army dispute has been compromised. The Emperor and the Liberals agree to a standard of 400,000 men.

AUSTRALIAN.

MELBOURNE, April 14.

Rocheport, Grouset, and Jourde are passengers to England, via California.

Several suicides and fatal accidents are reported.

SYDNEY, April 14.

The Sydney Cup was won by Speculation; Dagworth second; Fugleman third. Time, 3 min. 39 secs.

An official telegram has been received from Cooktown, warning against a rush to the Queensland diggings. Numbers already there are left without means to come back. The rush still continues.

CORRESPONDENCE.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions expressed by our correspondents.]

To the Editor of the CROMWELL ARGUS.

SIR,—As the time is fast approaching for the assembling of our representatives in the Provincial Council, it may not be out of place to offer a few suggestions which may possibly be worthy the consideration of at least the members for the Cromwell and Wakatip districts. I think it will be admitted that since the first rush to the West Coast, the latter district particularly has not been in such a depressed condition as at present; and what is still worse, the prospect of any improvement seems to be very remote. What, may I ask, is the cause of this? Is it that our mines are hopelessly exhausted? Certainly not. I attribute it rather to a diminution in our adult population, arising from the public works scheme and the Palmer rush; to a want of speculative energy; and lastly and chiefly to the chilling indifference shewn to up-country districts by our high officials. This last reason is at present a consequence of that wholesale desire to make the most of the Vogel policy so conspicuously prominent in the actions of the down-country and Dunedin members. I would have them remember that the old cow (the Gold-fields) is not yet dry, but there is great danger that the want of a little moderate attention may render her so. There will be an end even to the Englishman's money, and then the desire to again milk her as of yore will arise. This will be more easily done by a little nursing and kindness being at present shown. If we cannot share in the advantages of having a railway pushed through our midst, let us at least have ordinary tracks or roads, whereby we are enabled to make the most of the efforts we are putting forth. The staff of life in the Wakatip district is at present actually a drug, yet in many corners of the same district there are people being starved out of it because of the costliness of living. This condition of things must ever remain so, whilst the method of transport is solely that of the pack-horse. I do not say, let us have highways, bridges, and macadamised roads all over the district; that would be unreasonable in such a one as this. But I do say that where it is fairly practicable, and can unmistakably be shewn to be of enduring advantage to all interests not only in the district, but in the Province, we are entitled to a better and cheaper means of intercourse. Why should the people of Wanaka and Car-

drunk have to bear the expense of a sixty or eighty miles' journey, when the distance via the Crown Range is but thirty-two miles in the one case, and sixteen miles in the other, from Arrowtown? The ascent to the Crown Terrace can be accomplished with a very gentle gradient. There are miles of a natural road when that is reached. The engineering difficulties to top the highest altitude on the Crown Range (the saddle at Muddy creek) are anything but serious; and the descent into the Cardrona could be accomplished by an experienced bullock-teamster even in the present natural condition of the country. The Cardrona Valley once reached, there are but four miles of roadmaking necessary until you reach that portion of it where carts may be seen any day in the week. Now, what would be the result of connecting this point with Arrow Flat by a dry road? By forming some nine miles of road, so that a waggon might traverse it, the two great natural highways in the Lakes district, Lakes Wakatip and Wanaka, would be within easy reach of each other. Wakatip produce could be delivered on the Wanaka side of the Crown Range at some 50s or 60s per ton less than at present. The increased traffic along the Cardrona Valley would do much to unearth the mineral treasure which there is but little doubt it possesses in abundance; and the almost incomparable beauties of Lake Wanaka could be witnessed by those people living west of the Crown Range without the sacrifice at present necessary. On the other hand, a new market for the superior and unlimited supply of timber which lines the Makarora Valley and its slopes would be opened up. The boat traffic on Lake Wanaka would be increased. The carriers on unloading their flour or other produce at Cardrona or Wanaka could again load with wool for Dunedin, or timber for the mining and pastoral localities along the valley of the Molyneux; and the up-carriers to Wanaka and Cardrona could load timber to the Arrow, replacing it by flour, etc., to Cromwell and other places down-country. No interest or locality would suffer from such a scheme; all would be material gainers. And when this can be accomplished at such a trivial cost, I ask, and I believe I am heartily supported by every one of my fellow-settlers, that our representatives will see it to be their duty to suggest to the Government at the next sitting of the Council the desirability of carrying it out, and that at once. The £7000 or £8000 yearly pastoral rent drawn from the Wakatip district, with the probability of its being supplemented by a like or larger amount from a similar source, should enable them to succeed in obtaining this trifling request. The first step to secure it would be the settlement of the Crown terrace in such a way as to permit the miner, the pastoral occupant, and the agriculturist to occupy it without any preventive barrier in the shape of compensation in following their respective callings. The elasticity of the law, as displayed by the Government in the recent sale of the Wakatip runs is a proof that such can be effected. If so, why not let barrenness and desolation give place to productiveness and settlement?

Apologising for troubling you at such length, I am, &c.,

ROBT. M'DOUGALL.

Cardrona, 13th April, 1874.

BLOCK IX.

To the Editor of the CROMWELL ARGUS.

SIR,—The attention of the citizens was specially directed to the anomalous position in which occupiers of land and buildings on Block IX. were placed, at the time when civic honours were being competed for last year. I, with many other citizens, have watched the proceedings of our Town Council for a considerable time, and have concluded that it is a reserve in more senses than one, for it appears to be carefully kept for the purpose of electioneering. Is it not discreditable to the town that no Councillor should take the matter vigorously in hand, and get it dealt with? While it remains in its present unsatisfactory state, that portion of the main thoroughfare of the town is permitted to be a receptacle for the most incongruous materials. What reason can there be for permitting not only its occupation, but that of a very considerable portion of the already encroached-upon street? Timber, old carts, &c., are permitted to occupy a large portion of the street, not to speak of the supposed footpath. Where is the Nuisance Inspector? I suppose waiting to get instructions from a Council that is studiously blind to such a disgraceful state of affairs. The citizens will not be so easily hoodwinked at the next election, or I much mistake their temper. It may be recollected that some months since Mr Bastings distinctly stated that the Corporation had no authority or power to permit the occupation of the ground which under the name of Block IX., is really portion of Melmore-terrace. The Council did not hesitate to accept his reasoning, and yet from that day to this nothing has been done.

It is doubtless unpleasant to be compelled to order the clearance of that part of the street, but surely our Council should act independently; for it must be done sooner or later; and "his dat." &c. I fear that the hesitation is caused by what a friend of mine terms the "almighty dollar," and I will conclude by saying, that if any such reason is the true one, it indicates the necessity of a thorough change of our Councillors.

I am, &c.,

A CITIZEN.

Cromwell, April 20, 1874.

RESIDENT MAGISTRATE'S COURT.

FRIDAY, APRIL 17, 1874.

(Before W. Lawrence Simpson, Esq., R.M.)

CIVIL CASES.

Cooper v. Mitchinson.—The Magistrate gave judgment in this case as follows:—"At the hearing of this case it did not appear that the amount in dispute between the parties had been agreed upon; and upon the face of the proceedings, the amount appeared to be beyond the jurisdiction of the Court. The plaintiff would therefore be nonsuited. The case might have been brought in the District Court. £1 is costs allowed to defendant.—Mr Cowan for plaintiff; Mr Wilson for defendant.

O'Neil v. Peyton.—This case, which was adjourned from last Court-day, was by consent further adjourned to May 8th.—The same counsel appeared in this case.

LICENSES.

Adam Spence, Nevis, applied for and obtained a renewal of his slaughtering license.

Samuel Champion, Bannockburn, was granted a temporary license to sell refreshments at the school-house, Bannockburn, the same evening. The Magistrate, however, remarked that the case was hardly a proper one for a temporary license; but upon further explanation being given, the Bench was satisfied.

WARDEN'S COURT.

FRIDAY, APRIL 17, 1874.

(Before W. Lawrence Simpson, Esq., Warden.)

COMPLAINTS.

Perriam v. Baxter.—This was a suit instituted to obtain the cancellation of an interest held in a water-race by the defendant. Defendant did not appear, and it was allowed that defendant was in England. The Warden stated that he did not think the Court had power to grant what was asked.—Mr Colclough appeared as agent for the plaintiff, and stated that the defendant had no miners' right.—The Warden, however, held that even admitting that the defendant might have an equitable right, which could not be taken away in this manner, the proper course was to take proceedings to have the partnership wound up.—Mr Colclough observed that the property in dispute was not worth the expense that would be occasioned if this course was adopted.—The Warden quoted a case in which he believed five men took up a piece of ground under the law that twenty-four hours' abandonment rendered the rights liable to forfeiture. One man of the five got drunk, and abandoned the claim for over twenty-four hours; but it was held that the loss thereby occasioned must be shared by all the partners, as it was their duty, as partners, to see that the right was protected. In this case he held that the plaintiff could not take advantage of the defendant's want of a miners' right, as he thought it was the duty of the plaintiff to protect the defendant's interest.

Jenour v. Trevathen.—This was a friendly suit to procure the renewal of a water certificate. It appeared that the certificate had not been renewed through the confusion that was occasioned by the death of Joel Chapman, who was skilled by an accident on the claim, and was a partner. Under the special circumstances the Warden allowed a fresh certificate to issue, to be dated 10th August, 1873.

APPLICATIONS.

Anders Olsen applied for permission to extend his dam at Kawarau Gorge.—The application was objected to by George Redhead on the ground that it would interfere with a residence area now occupied by him. It appeared that the proposed extension would interfere with the objector's residence area, and that the ground had been fenced in, laid down in grass, and possessed by the objector for some time. It was alleged by the applicant that the objector only occupied this ground through spite; but the Warden held that the objector was legally in possession and that he had no power to oust him unless payable gold was traced into his ground, and then it could only be done upon payment of compensation.—Application refused.

Protection.—Archibald Ritchie, 90 days' for claim in Adams's gully; granted.—John Bair and two others, 90 days' for claim in Adams's gully; granted.

Water Races.—William Dickie, two sluice-heads from branch creek running into Luggate; adjourned for a month for further information.—Stephen Bolasci, six sluice-heads from registered dam No. 2727; granted.

Dr Redwood, a brother of the Redwood of sporting celebrity, has been appointed to the Catholic Bishopric of Wellington.

The inhabitants of the Cromwell district are sometimes puzzled to know which is the best and cheapest establishment to purchase their supplies of drapery and clothing at. They should no longer remain in doubt on that score. If they will only pay one visit to W. TALBOT'S London House, they will discover for themselves that it is not only the cheapest but the best store at which to deal for these articles. Mr Talbot has made arrangements to import his stock direct from the Home markets, and the public can rest assured that everything will be sold by him at an advance only sufficient to repay the original cost, and return a fair percentage on the outlay. Every article in Mr Talbot's establishment is marked in plain figures, from which no abatement is ever made. A fuller description of the stock will be found in advertisement in another column.—(Adv.)

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

A special meeting of the Council was held on Wednesday evening, the 15th instant. Present: The Mayor (Mr Dawkins), Cms. Hayes, Jolly, Shanly, and Wright.

The inward and outward correspondence was read; also, an application by Mr James Dawkins for a slaughtering license within the town. A letter from Professor Black, relative to the manner in which water for analysis should be forwarded, was ordered to be received; and the Town Clerk was instructed to procure samples, and to forward them in the manner indicated.

A statement of the probable revenue and expenditure for the year 1874-5 was brought up by the Clerk, who was instructed to forward the same for insertion in the Gazette.

Cr Shanly brought under the attention of the Council the sanitary condition of the town, and suggested the desirability of asking the Government to send some officer from the Board of Health to report on the cause of the sickness at present so universal and proving so fatal.

He proceeded to propose the following resolution, which was seconded by Cr Jolly, and carried unanimously: "That this Council request the Government to take some action to ascertain the cause of the present epidemic in the town, by sending a Government medical officer to examine and report thereon."

Mr Dawkins' application for a slaughtering license was ordered to stand over until next meeting.

On the motion of Cr Jolly, seconded by Cr Hayes, it was agreed that a site should be selected for the purposes of a manure depot.

Cr Pierce here entered the Council-chamber, and proceeded to interrupt the business by remarks and actions which left no doubt of the fact that he had been rather too free in his imbibitions of alcohol.

After some time had been spent in vain endeavours to quieten him, it was proposed by Cr Jolly, and seconded by Cr Wright, "That Cr Pierce be requested by his Worship the Mayor to leave the meeting, as he is not in a fit state to take his seat, and his conduct and language are improper."

This was carried, and the Mayor thereupon requested Cr Pierce to leave the room.

This, however, he refused to do; and in the absence of a constable to enforce the order of the Council, the Mayor was necessitated to adjourn the meeting until the following evening.

The Council accordingly met on Thursday evening, at 8 o'clock. Present: The Mayor, Cms Jolly, Grant, Hayes, and Wright.

The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and confirmed. Cr Jolly referred to the conduct of Cr Pierce as above described, and was of opinion that it could not be passed over in silence. It was resolved that a call of the Council be made for Thursday evening, the 23rd instant, when the matter would be taken into further consideration.

SANITARY CONDITION OF THE TOWN.

Consideration of this matter was again gone into, and the following resolutions were carried by the Council:—

1. "That this Council deems it necessary for the improvement of the sanitary condition of the town, that the bank of the river, from the Bridge to Sligo-street, be properly cleansed, and that the Inspector of Works procure labour for that purpose."

2. "That a bye-law be framed to improve present system of water-closets, and that all closets other than earth-closets be deemed a nuisance."

3. "That the Inspector of Nuisances be requested to use all diligence in endeavouring to improve the sanitary condition of the town; that his attention be specially directed to the present state of all water-closets, and that he be requested to use extreme measures, where found necessary, to have them cleansed."

4. "That the following painted notices be procured, and posted conspicuously:—(1) Indicating the manure depot; (2) cautioning the public from throwing rubbish over the bank of the Kawarau river; and (3) cautioning them also from soiling the town race."

5. "That tenders be invited for the following works:—(1) Removing rubbish twice a week from Melmore-terrace and Inniscort-street; (2) cleansing the streets at least once weekly; and (3) attending to town race for three months."

KAWARAU BRIDGE.

On the motion of Cr Jolly, seconded by Cr Wright, it was agreed that the Council should do all in its power to support the movement initiated by the Bannockburn Miners' Association relative to the purchase of the above bridge by the Government, and it was resolved to acquaint the Association with the fact of such resolution having been passed by the Council.

ACCOUNTS.

Nisbett Brothers' account for contract No. 11, including an item of L.3 for extras, was passed for payment. Accounts from Messrs

Hallenstein & Co. and Mr J. Taylor were also passed.

STREET IMPROVEMENTS.

The Inspector of Works was requested to have the upper part of Melmore-terrace, from the point at which contract No. 11 stopped to the culvert, chipped, gravelled, and cleaned.

WATER SUPPLY.

It was resolved to request Mr Cowan, solicitor, to prepare the necessary information towards the commencement of the Water-works scheme.

A vote of thanks to the Mayor terminated the proceedings.

CROMWELL DISTRICT HOSPITAL.

A meeting of Committee was held last evening, 20th inst., at which there was a very fair attendance.

The usual preliminary business having been gone through, Mr James Dawkins stated that while in Dunedin, he and Mr Jolly had waited on Mr Bastings relative to the building of a Hospital for Cromwell; and that gentleman recommended that the Committee should write to the Executive asking for a grant of money as a subsidy for building purposes.

It was resolved that the member for the district, and the member for the Wakatip district, be requested to use their influence towards obtaining such a subsidy; and the secretary was instructed to write to them, explaining in detail the absolute necessity of such an institution for the district, and also informing them of the amount of money already subscribed.

The Committee then agreed that a memorial to the Government should be drawn up, showing the necessity existing for a Hospital; such memorial to be circulated in the district for signature, and then forwarded to the member for presentation. Messrs Jolly and Starkey were appointed to assist the Secretary in drawing up a memorial.

It was resolved to advertise a request to all holders of lists to send in a copy of the names of subscribers, together with the amounts, for the purpose of embodying such information in the memorial referred to.

The meeting then adjourned, after a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

QUARTZVILLE SPORTS.

(FROM A CORRESPONDENT.)

Possibly the advertisement of sports to be held at Quartzville, which appeared in a late issue of your paper, may have been considered ill-timed by the public generally, on the ground that the great affliction caused by the sickness so prevalent in the district should have prevented the holding of such. Those, indeed, more particularly so afflicted may have considered it not only ill-timed but unfeeling on the part of the promoters. Allow me to assure the public, on behalf of the promoters, that the latter are not behindhand in their feelings of sympathy, but they consider that one of the best ways of keeping the foe at bay is to endeavour to be as lively and cheerful as possible, thereby preventing despondency, which it may be has a tendency to induce disease.

For this reason, and having a balance of funds remaining since the Christmas sports, it was determined to improvise a day's fun, and accordingly, Saturday, the 11th, was fixed on for the purpose. To the surprise of everyone, the attendance was almost equal to that on any other occasion of a like nature, and both old and young appeared to enjoy themselves very well.

The first event was a game of quoits, in which the opponents were pretty equally matched, a good player and a very bad one being on either side. It might almost have been fancied that the bad players were trying to "throw over" their mates, so persistently did they apparently strive to see who would be furthest from the mark.

The foot-race was won easily by Richardson, although one of the other competitors was twice as big, and the other twice as high as himself.

This was followed by a horse-race, for £4. The course was slightly up-hill; the distance half a mile; and the weight twelve stone. There were three entries, and the result was as follows:—

Hazlett's Black Prince	...	1
Kane's Miss Scott	...	2
Richardson's Lindis	...	3

All three got away to a good start, effected by Mr John Miller. Lindis took the lead, followed by Miss Scott. Black Prince was in waiting until close upon the post, when he took the lead and won easily.

Next on the programme was a wrestling match, Cumberland style, which was well contested. Messrs Macnamara and M'William divided the spoil.

A trotting match succeeded, prize £4. Distance, one mile; two entries.

Griffith's Copenhagen	...	1
Lawrence's Jack	...	2

Jack had the race all his own way, had not his rider mistaken the turning-post at the half-mile. Turning twice round in bewilderment, he came into collision with Copenhagen. Then by some means he turned once more, when of course he found himself considerably behind. He then pulled up.

The approach of darkness caused a cessation of proceedings, and one or two events had to be postponed.

DUNEDIN NOTES.

By O. P. Q.

The prompt steps taken by the City Council to obtain a special analysis of the water supplied to the citizens by the Dunedin Water Works Company, have resulted in anything but a satisfactory state of affairs being disclosed. Professor Black was communicated with by the Corporation, and his report to a certain extent bears out the analysis of the water made by Dr Bakewell a week or two since. The report submitted to the Council is of a rather different nature to one made by Professor Black in June of last year, the water then being remarkably pure and deserving of the favourable remarks it elicited from the analyst. In his present report Professor Black, referring to the increase of organic matter which is observable in the water, says "it is probably to be accounted for by the circumstances that the present analysis was made at an earlier period of the year, before the cold weather has set in, and before the heavy rains of winter have swept away the loose vegetable growths." So that it is plainly to be inferred that during the summer season the citizens are supplied with water of a most impure nature, of which I suppose that recently examined is doubtless a fair sample. Professor Black recommends in his report to the Council that a process of filtration should be adopted before the water is supplied to the public, and also suggests other means whereby greater purity could be easily secured. Unless the Water Works Company take some steps in the direction indicated by Professor Black, they need expect very little sympathy at the hands of the public in the endeavours which they are about to make to obtain authority to extend their business by an increase of capital. As it is, the powers they already possess are looked upon by very many people with great disfavour; and any disinclination to introduce much-needed improvements into their works will only serve the purpose of alienating friends they may already possess.

The shareholders in the Standard Fire and Marine Insurance Company held their first general meeting in the lower hall of the Athenaeum last night, the object for which the meeting was held being the election of a permanent Board of Directors and an Auditor. The gentlemen who acted in a provisional capacity were elected as the permanent directors, and Mr A. C. Begg was elected auditor. This promising young company has already got together a very large business, and is being conducted in a manner highly satisfactory to the shareholders. Agencies have been appointed throughout Otago, in nearly all the Northern Provinces, in Melbourne, Sydney, and London, and proposals have been made to a large firm in Glasgow to accept an agency there. Within the last few weeks the shares have risen in value very much, and those who hold shares do not seem much inclined to part with them even when a liberal price is offered. It is not too much to expect that this local office, begun in a quiet and unpretentious manner, will in course of time attain to a business second to none in the Colony.

After reading the accounts which appeared in the papers concerning the savage proceedings of the Chinamen who arrived here as passengers by the Tokatea from Hong Kong, I was quite prepared to see some villainous-looking faces among them; but they appear very much like the hundreds of their fellow-celestialists who have preceded them, without any particular points of villainy distinguishable in their features. They have been wandering about the city for the last day or two, in knots of half a dozen or so, in the usual new-chum Chinaman style, and as we have had most execrable weather, will no doubt be anything but favourably impressed with their new home. It only remains for them to spend the next three or four months at the Nevis, or some other of our out-lying townships, to give them a good idea of winter in Otago.

The contest between Mr Barton and Mr Wales for the seat in the Assembly rendered vacant by Mr Bathgate's resignation, is looked forward to with considerable interest in Dunedin. The nomination of Mr Wales was a complete surprise for Mr Barton, who quite anticipated that he was going to have a walk over. Mr Wales' chance of election is considered by most people to be small. The impression that he is a nominee of the Water Works Company—put forward in order to support the Bill which they intend to introduce into the Assembly next session—got abroad, and although Mr Wales has since the nomination distinctly disavowed any such connection, and expressed his intention of opposing any further monopoly by the company, his candidature is still looked upon suspiciously. It is hard to say, however, how the election will go. I certainly think Mr Barton will carry the day by a considerable majority, but after the many instances we have had of the supposed popular candidate having at the election to be content with second honours, I should not feel inclined to risk many new hats upon the polling.

A telegram has been received in Wellington from the Agent-General, dated April 2nd, announcing as despatched for the Colony during March the following vessels, with immigrants:—The Buckingham, Hindostan, Caroline, and Carlsruba, for Otago, with 1500 souls; The Northampton, City of Dunedin, and Stonehouse, for Lyttelton, with 1320 souls; The Peeress (name of place not deciphered, but supposed to be Timaru), with 260 souls; the Wishart and Queen of Nations, for Auckland, with 630 souls; the Waikato, for Wellington, with 370 souls; and the Halcione, for Napier, with 340 souls.

DUNEDIN LABOUR MARKET.

Mr John Skene, of the Labour Exchange, sends us the following report, dated 16th April:—

There are no important changes in the labour market to record. All good and useful people are employed at work suitable to them; no cause at all for so many idlers and growlers as there are at present in Dunedin, and whose numbers are rapidly increasing. In no one instance have I yet known of a man with ordinary strength and handiness being for any length of time out of work. Several late arrivals are running about bewailing the day they came to New Zealand. Many of them would growl if set down in Paradise, I firmly believe. Wages are ruling at the following figures:—For day labourers, 1s. per hour is the rule; in exceptional cases, 1s. 3d. and 1s. 6d. is given. Farm servants are much sought for, and get, for really good men, L.55 to L.63; if married, and wife to help, L.70 and upwards. Shepherds are rather scarce at present, and get L.60, L.65, and L.70. Female servants are not to be got. The right sort are settled down in good places, or married. General servants get L.35, L.40, and L.45; if with superior acquirements, L.45 to L.52, and upwards. Ordinary trades are very busy; no idlers among masons, carpenters, bricklayers, painters, blacksmiths, shoemakers, or tailors, &c.; and room for more.

KAWARAU BRIDGE.

The following copy of a petition at present being circulated for signature has been handed to us for publication:—

To His Honor the Superintendent of Otago.

The petition of the undersigned members of the Bannockburn and Carrick Range Miners' Association, miners, and others humbly sheweth:—

Your petitioners respectfully ask that the bridge at the Bannockburn, known as the "Kawarau Bridge," and built by private enterprise, be purchased by the Government, and thrown open to the public free of toll charges: for the following reasons:—

That the taxes levied by the Government are sufficiently heavy and burdensome without the extra burden imposed of having to pay tribute-money to private individuals.

That the bridge across the Clutha at Cromwell, (built at a cost of something like £32,000,) has been free of charge to the public ever since the construction; and your petitioners can see no reason why they should not enjoy a similar immunity in respect of the "Kawarau Bridge," situated as it is on the main line of road to the Bannockburn, Carrick Range, Nevis, and other important outlying districts.

That the future of the district depends in a great measure, if not wholly, on the facilities offered for the full development of its extensive mineral resources; it being evident that the cheapening of the cost of machinery, tools, timber, &c., for mining purposes, and all articles of consumption, will as a natural consequence lessen the cost of our gold production, be the means of opening up ground that has hitherto lain fallow, increase the demand for employment, and by considerably swelling our exports, add to the prosperity of the Province generally.

That, in fact, the progressiveness of the district is, in the opinion of your petitioners, considerably retarded by the tolls to which we seek an exception, as they are not only a direct charge upon those crossing the bridge, but indirectly affect every individual in the district, through the extra expense incurred in the transmission of all articles necessary for the efficient working of our mines.

We therefore hope that your Honor will be pleased to look upon our request with favourable consideration, and by removing this grievance from our midst, confer upon us those benefits and advantages which we so earnestly supplicate, and which we deem we are so fairly entitled to.

And your petitioners will ever pray.

The Palmer Rush.

The Queensland correspondent of the *Daily Times*, writing from Brisbane on March 29, says:—"The term 'rush' is quite inadequate to express the exodus to the Palmer, which has become a perfect stampede. Vessels of all kinds, from the largest steamer to the smallest coasting schooner, are laid on to the Endeavour, and go away, one after another, as full as they will hold of passengers and cargo. The Marine Board and their officers are exercising a strict supervision to prevent over-loading, and have their work cut out for them to prevent the greed of owners endangering the lives of the passengers. Meanwhile, the thoughtful looker on can see nothing in the reliable news from the new gold-field to justify this rash abandonment of occupation, sacrifice of means, and encountering of toil if not of danger. That gold has been found in payable quantities there is no doubt; but hitherto the finds have not been extraordinarily heavy, and certainly not numerous, while at the same time there is no doubt that some hundreds are getting more than a living. We have got to learn whether this will be the case with the thousands, much more with the tens of thousands, who are on their way, or preparing to go; but it is quite expected that large numbers will come back again poorer and wiser men. Enormous quantities of provisions and goods of all kinds are pouring into Cooktown; but as there is no dry-dock between there and the Palmer, and everything has to be carried on pack-horses, money will go a very short way upon the diggings."

SUPREME COURT, DUNEDIN.

FRIDAY, APRIL 10.

EMBEZZLEMENT.

William Sturrock, who had been acquitted on the previous day on a charge of embezzlement, was arraigned upon another indictment, charging him with having on the 3rd November, embezzled the sum of 12s., the property of his employers, Messrs Dewar and Hislop. A second count in the information charged the prisoner with having on the 11th of November embezzled the sum of £1 16s. 11d., the property of Messrs Dewar and Hislop. The prisoner pleaded Not Guilty, and was defended by Mr Stout. The prisoner was appointed by Messrs Dewar and Hislop to collect debts in an insolvency case in which they were trustees. The two sums mentioned were part of £27, which prisoner admitted having collected, but none of which he handed over.

The Jury, after retiring, returned a verdict of Guilty, and the prisoner was sentenced to twelve months' hard labour.

BURGLARY.

John Fearon was charged with having burglariously entered the premises of James Paterson, High-street, on the night of the 12th of January last. The prisoner pleaded Not Guilty, and was defended by Mr Barton.

When the case for the Crown was completed, Mr Barton announced that he had thirteen witnesses to call for the defence.

As it was after five o'clock, His Honor decided to adjourn, and the Sheriff was instructed to find suitable accommodation for the jurymen.

SATURDAY, APRIL 11.

The trial of John Fearon, charged with burglary, was proceeded with. Nine witnesses were called for the purpose of proving the previous good character of the prisoner, and an attempt was also made to show that he had a previous acquaintance with Mr Paterson's servant.

The Jury, after an hour's deliberation, returned a verdict of "Not Guilty" upon the first count of the information, but found him Guilty on the second count—of having been on the premises with intent to commit burglary. The prisoner was remanded for sentence.

MONDAY, APRIL 13.

John Fearon was sentenced to eighteen months' imprisonment, with hard labour.

MANSLAUGHTER.

Thomas William Quelch Honeywill was indicted for the manslaughter of Agnes Smith. The prisoner, who was defended by Mr Mowat, pleaded Not Guilty. At the desire of the prisoner's counsel all witnesses were ordered out of Court.

The evidence of the husband, the mother, and of some female neighbours was taken; and then

Mary Ann Luke deposed she was on a visit to Coal Creek, in December last. While there was called in to see Mrs Smith. Witness was a midwife, but did not visit Mrs Smith in that capacity. Had been a midwife about 27 years. Asked Mr Smith to go for a doctor when she learned the state of affairs. On examining the patient, she found it was a very bad case, such a one as she would not undertake. It was a cross birth, and the child's arm was born. Honeywill on his arrival was in a very excited state. He pulled the child's arm very forcibly. Witness told him that he had no right to do so, when he denied that he had. Witness afterwards told him that she did not think he was a competent surgeon, and that he had better send for additional medical assistance. She said to him, "You have killed the child, and if you go on in the same way with the mother you will kill her soon." Deceased several times asked witness not to go into the room. He said he would put her all right in a few minutes. Shortly afterwards he said he had been insulted, and should leave, and did leave in the absence of Mr Smith, who had gone for another medical man. Twenty minutes after the arrival of Dr Thompson, the child was born. It was dead. Considered that Dr Honeywill was drunk while attending the deceased.

Cross-examined: Had met with a similar case before. Had met with several, but only remembered one distinctly. In that case both child and mother lived. Considered such cases very dangerous, and would not treat them if medical men could be got. Did not know there was anyone nearer than Dr Thompson.

Alexander T. Thompson deposed he was a duly registered medical practitioner, residing at Clyde. He was called in to attend the late Mrs Smith between 6 and 7 o'clock on the morning of the 10th December last. He arrived at Coal Creek about half-past 10. He was told that deceased had been in labour since the previous evening. On making an examination, found that the right arm of the child was born. The woman was in a state of collapse. Her pulse was scarcely perceptible. At once saw, after making the examination, that the child must be turned before it could be born. The child at this time had been dead some time. Witness then proceeded to turn the child, and the woman was delivered. He found no difficulty in doing so. From that time had no hope of her recovery, as hemorrhage was going on. When he went away, he left medicines, and instructions as to how the woman should be treated in his absence. Returned on the following day about half-past three o'clock, and found her still dangerously ill. He returned again on the 15th, having been telegraphed for. Found her very much worse, and informed her husband that she was dying rapidly; and the same evening she expired. Dr Stirling

afterwards made a post mortem examination in the presence of witness. The cause of death was peritonitis, resulting from rupture of the womb. In the case of an arm presentation, turning the child was essential. It was certainly very dangerous to pull the child's arm, as is said to have been the case here. Under no circumstances would it be proper. It was sure to kill the child, and endanger the mother's life.

The witness was cross-examined at considerable length, but his evidence was not in the least shaken.

The jury, after a short absence from Court, returned with a verdict of Guilty.

His Honor deferred sentence until the following morning.

TUESDAY, APRIL 14.

Thomas William Quelch Honeywill was brought up for sentence. He made a statement to the effect that had Dr Stirling and other medical gentlemen whom he intended to call been examined, he would have been exonerated from any blame in the matter. In conclusion, he said: "Before you pass sentence upon me, I will say this—it is the weight of punishment and not the sense of guilt that oppresses me. The death of Agnes Smith does not lie at my door."

His Honor informed him that his only plan would be to state a case for the consideration of the Governor, who, if he saw fit, might remit sentence or might pardon. The prisoner was sentenced to six months' imprisonment.

ASSAULT AND ROBBERY.

Stephen Toomy, a middle aged respectable-looking man, was charged with having, on the 18th of February last, assaulted one William Schmidt, and with having robbed him of £3 0s 2d, and a pocket-book, valued at two shillings. The prisoner pleaded Not Guilty, and was defended by Mr Barton. The evidence was by no means satisfactory, and the Jury returned a verdict of Not Guilty. The Court then adjourned till Friday.

Incendiarisms in the Arrow District.

Incendiarism is assuming alarming proportions throughout the Arrow district. The loss of Mr McIntyre's stacks is clearly attributed to this cause, the jury having found a verdict to the effect that these stacks were wilfully set on fire by some person or persons unknown. On Saturday night, at Mr Pritchard's farm, at about 11.30, three stacks were discovered to be blazing away. They were seen, it is stated, at 9 p.m., by men engaged on the farm, and at that hour they presented no signs of being heated. At 11.30 all three were found to be in a blaze and burning fiercely. Nothing could be done, therefore, to arrest their destruction. It is very evident that a band of lawless scoundrels are in the district doing their villainous work. When Wales was lit up by similar fires at the time of the resistance to the collection of tolls, and parts of England treated in a like manner during the Chartist riots, the most effectual means of stamping out the evil was found to be the offering of large rewards, and a free pardon to an accomplice. If these fires further extend it will be a question whether the same policy should not be adopted here. It is frightful to think that deeds like these should be done in this district, and that amongst us are residing men capable of perpetrating crimes like these to satisfy the cravings of revenge for some grievance, either real or imagined. This dastardly villainous conduct should induce the farmers to strengthen the hands of their local club, which should move in the matter.—*Wakatipu Mail*.

Wasted Sympathy.

One day a respectably dressed man carried a well-grown child, muffled up and apparently sick, into one of the New York hotels. He placed the child on the stairs and began to talk to it in so very rough a way that the attention of the guests was attracted.

"You are able to walk upstairs by yourself," the man said, "and I won't carry you."

"Oh! oh!" the child sobbed, "do carry me—please, pa, do! You know ever since I was run over by the cars, and lost my feet, I can't walk upstairs alone!"

"That's all stuff!" the man answered; "get up at once, or I'll make you!"

The poor child then began to sob worse than before, and the brutal man gave it a severe thump over the side of the head. The child moaned piteously. The indignation of the bystanders was excited, and one of them said to the man, "Is that child yours?"

"What's that to you," answered the man; "I won't tell you!"

"He's—my—father!" the child sobbed; "and—he—killed—my—mother—just—as—he's—goin'—to—me."

The man doubled his fist and made as though he was about to give the child a savage blow, when one of the bystanders interfered, and said, "If you don't stop this, I'll call a policeman. I never saw such a brutal father in all my life."

The man began to fumble in his pockets, and the child cried out, "Take care! He's got a knife. He's going to stick you."

Sure enough the man produced a knife, and remarking, "If I am to be arrested it shall be for something," he thereupon plunged the knife into the body of the child.

The poor thing shrieked, "I'm murdered! I'm murdered!" and a crowd rushed to the spot.

The man thereupon quietly raised the child in his arms, and, removing his hat, said, "Gentlemen, this is a doll child. I'm a ventriloquist, and any offering you may be pleased to make will be very acceptable."

Presentation to Mr Drake.

At the weekly prayer meeting in the Anderson's Bay Church, on Thursday evening, a very impressive service was held by the Rev. Mr Drake, of Cromwell, who has been supplying the place of the regular clergyman for some weeks past, and who spoke at some length on Hebrews x., 28: "Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering," &c. After pressing home the various truths contained in the text in illustration of the manner in which Christians should hold fast,—it should be like a death grip,—he stated that he remembered an occurrence that happened in the town of Yarmouth, England, 40 years ago. There was then a suspension bridge across the river; the chains on one side of which suddenly gave way, when over three hundred people were precipitated into the river; over fifty people were drowned. One man, a sailor, was the means of saving over sixty lives. A young woman, whom he was endeavouring to save, got hold of him by the throat, and took such a hold that, to release himself, he was forced to use the knife which sailors usually carry, and he had to cut all round her wrist before he could unloose the grasp she had hold of him. At the inquest one of the bodies found was that of this lady, and her wrist cut all round. No one present could account for how it could have been done; when a sailor came in, and, casting himself down in a great state of excitement, told the coroner how he had been compelled to do it to save his own life. At the close of the service, this being the last occasion that Mr Drake would be there, opportunity was taken of presenting him with a testimonial, as a mark of the estimation in which the members appreciated the services conducted by him during his stay amongst them; and the wishes and prayers of the congregation were, that the blessing of God, whose he was, and whom he served, might be with him wherever he was called to labour, and would follow him all his days. To which desire he very feelingly replied, and said that this gift was wholly unexpected by him, and he accepted it with like feelings that had prompted its presentation; and he prayed that the Divine blessing might rest upon all those present, and on their children, and on all connected with the congregation.—*Guardian*.

Mark Twain.

A letter in the Washington Star says:—"Buffalo has many reminiscences of Mark Twain, and of his remarkable attempt at publishing a newspaper on an entirely new plan. After his return from the Holy Land (per Quaker City), Mark took a wife, and purchased the third interest in the *Buffalo Express*, owned by A. M. Clapp, public printer. They say that Mark's style of newspaper work was unique. He is not an early riser, and is as slow of movement as of speech, consequently he didn't get to the office very early in the morning. And when there his movements were not characterised by nervous haste. Seating himself in a capacious pivot-chair, his first move was to deposit his boots in the waste basket, and replace them with roomy slippers. Then elevating his slippery feet to a comfortable cushion of the exchange papers—their only legitimate use in his opinion—it was his wont to lay back in his chair, swinging lazily on his pivot, and tell stories of wit and wisdom by the hour to the associate editors. This was vastly pleasant to all concerned, but somehow it did not work in the way of making a newsworthy paper, and at the end of six weeks Mark came to the conclusion that publishing a newspaper was not his forte. He however retained his interest in the *Express* for about a year and a half, though, as aforesaid, he did not take part in the "active" management for more than six weeks. Mark married the daughter of Jarvis Langdon, of Elmira, New York, the heaviest coal operator of the West. His property was valued as high as 10,393,000 dollars in his life, and had he lived to get all his irons out of the fire, perhaps that amount might have been realised; but leaving everything by the ends, there has been great "shrinkage" (the word I believe) in the value of assets. Still there is enough left to divide a trifle between Mark's wife and her brother, Charles Langdon. It was through this brother, by the way, that Mark got his wife. "Charley" was one of the "Innocents Abroad" who accompanied Clemens on his famous trip to the Quaker City, and who wrote home so enthusiastically about Mark Twain that Mr Langdon, sen., sent him a cordial invitation to visit him at Elmira. The result was the meeting of Mark and Miss Langdon—a case of love at first sight, and the *twain* became one.

In the Melbourne County Court a girl named Hurley obtained £150 damages for the loss of an eye, caused by a boy throwing a piece of earth at her.

Holloway's Pills.—This purifying and regulating medicine should occasionally be had recourse to during foggy, cold, and wet weather. It is the best preventive of hoarseness, sore throat, diphtheria, pleurisy, and asthma, and a sure remedy for congestion, brachitis, and inflammation. Attention to the directions folded round each box will enable invalids to take the Pills in the most advantageous manner; they will be taught the proper doses, and the circumstances, under which they must be increased or diminished. *Holloway's Pills* act as alteratives, aperients, and tonics. When taken as a last resource, the result has always been gratifying; even when they fail to cure they always assuage the severity of the symptoms and diminish the danger.

MISCELLANEOUS.

A boy while sitting on the bank of a creek near Port Denison was seized and devoured by an alligator.

The *Thames Advertiser* gives the gold returns for the month ending April 10, as 11,626oz., being an increase of 3285oz. over last month.

A petition has been got up at Grahams town, and has been numerously signed, praying for the release of the Thames manager, who was convicted of a breach of the Quartz Crushing Regulations Act, by the machinations of the police.

A Mr F. McUskea, who seems to be troubled with a number of debtors who will not pay their little accounts, publishes the names of a dozen of them, with the amount of their little bills, in the *Taranaki Herald*; and adds in a foot note, "This is only a small sample; about fifty more will go in this day week."

The Ballarat Courier remarks that they do strange things at Buninyong sometimes. Last week the Deputy-registrar of the "ancient village" registered his own death in due form. When the coffin reached the cemetery, and the usual document, bearing the well-known signature of the deceased, was presented to the sexton, that officer despatched a messenger to make inquiries at the registrar's office, where, fortunately, the registrar was discovered still in the flesh.

A hurricane occurred at the Norfolk Islands, damaging plantations, blowing fences, buildings, and a church down. Over three hundred pine trees, some of them twenty-five to thirty feet in circumference, were torn up by the roots, and hurled like sticks before the storm. There was a tremendous sea on. The road from the landing place to the cascade was strewn with wreck, supposed to be of the Dishot and Mary Ann. The embankment facing the sea was utterly destroyed.

A tailor, named John Marlow, was charged in the Melbourne City Police Court a few days since with threatening to take the life of his wife. The evidence taken in this case disclosed such brutal ill-treatment as to be scarcely credible. His favourite plan was to put his wife on the fire, which he varied by kicking her and putting her head in a tub of water. The Bench ordered him to find a good surety in the amount of £50 to keep the peace to his wife for twelve months, or go to gaol.

The *Forbes Gazette* reports that the town of Parkes was visited with a most terrific storm of rain, a few days since, which deluged the streets, and swept goods and furniture out of some of the houses. The rain, which more resembled the bursting of a water-spout than an ordinary pluvial visitation, lasted only for about a quarter of an hour, but so dense was the volume of water that fell, that in some instances paling fences had to be torn down to make a way for its escape, and from one of the hotels boxes and furniture were floated through the doors into the street.

A singular advertisement appeared in a recent issue of the *Grey Argus*. It was signed by "Sophia Horsington," and notified to the husband of that lady that if he did not communicate with her within three months, it was her intention to get married. Says the journal in question:—"Should this monitor ever reach the absent husband within the time specified, and he finds it impossible to comply with its conditions, he will be somewhat in a fix, as perhaps his ideas of the law regulating marriages may be as obscure as that of his spouse evidently is. The fair Sophia had better think twice before she starts the initial chapter of another version of Enoch Arden."

By private advices from Auckland, we learn that Mr Sullivan, of Maungatapu notoriety, is again at large in that city. It seems that under the management of Captain Eyre, Governor of the Mount Eden Gaol, he became very refractory, and had to be treated rather severely. Immediately after entering the gaol his hair was cut to its very roots, his face once more clean-shaven, and the convict dress resumed. But last week arrived an order from his Excellency the Governor for his release, and a considerable amount of money from the Minister of Justice. What he did upon leaving the gaol, or where he went to, no one appears to know, but he is again a free man, is well supplied with money, and is in this time under no control. How it will eventually be is hard to say, but we should not be surprised at any time to hear of some dark deed of blood being performed by the liberated ruffian.—*Guardian*.

Very heavy floods have occurred on the West Coast. At Reefton, the Buller River rose thirty feet in twelve hours, but no damage was done of any importance.—At Westport, the Cobden-street Wharf was carried away, and two ferry punts have been carried over the Bar. Four or five acres of the Coal Quay reserve were washed away; several small houses have been pulled down and removed. The pile bridge near Charleston was destroyed.—At Greymouth, it rained incessantly for forty hours. The whole town was inundated. The stone protection work stood some severe tests, and saved the town from utter destruction. It was the highest flood yet known in Greymouth. The residents of the lower town were removed to places of safety. Several cottages were swept out to sea. No other losses in town are reported, except gardens, fences, and several landslips on the Grey Valley road. Severe damage has been done to road and railway works. Disastrous news is expected from Grey Valley.—The damage done on the Christchurch and West Coast road is very great. Several miles have been destroyed, and several thousand pounds will be required to effect necessary repairs.

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